

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 6 and 7 and amend Claim 1 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pivot joint comprising:

an inner member having an outer surface and an end surface generally perpendicular to said outer surface;

an elastomeric member disposed around said inner member, said inner member slidably engaging said outer surface and said end surface of said elastomeric member; and

an outer member disposed around said elastomeric member, said elastomeric member being fixedly secured to said outer member, said outer metal having a first portion disposed opposite to said outer surface of said inner member and a second portion disposed opposite to said end surface of said inner member.

2. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 further comprising a low friction member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member.

3. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said inner member rotates within said elastomeric member around an axis.

4. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 3 further comprising an axial retention member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member.

5. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 4 wherein said axial retention member comprises a groove formed in one of said inner member and said elastomeric member and a rib formed on the other of said inner member and said elastomeric member, said rib being disposed within said groove.

6. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said inner member rotates within said elastomeric member around a first axis and pivots within said elastomeric member around a second axis, said second axis being different than said first.

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9. (Original) The pivot joint described in Claim 8 wherein said second axis is generally perpendicular to said first axis.
